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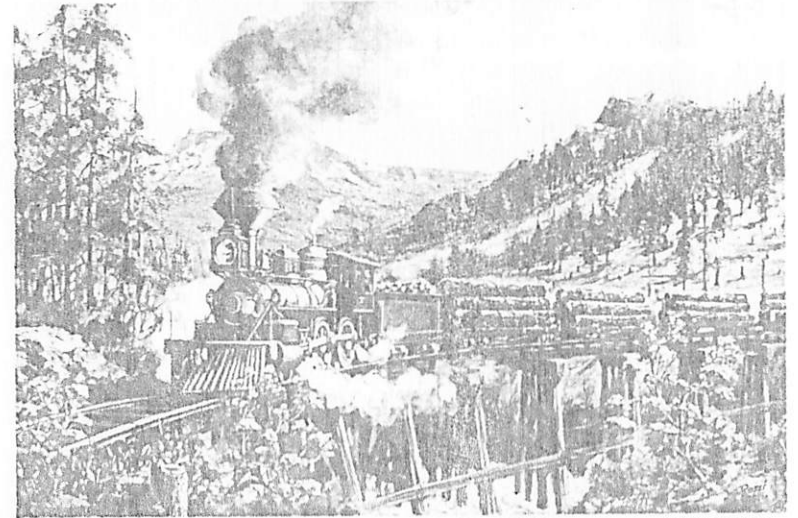


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BRITISH COLUMBIA

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Capital: Victoria

Area: 366,255 sq. mi. (incl. 6,976 sq. mi. of inland water)

Population (1962): 1,655,000

Largest city: Vancouver

Entered Dominion: 1871

National Representation:
22 Representatives in the House
of Commons
6 members in Senate



Widespread timber forests provide British Columbia's most valuable products. The sawmills and wood-processing plants employ more people than any other industry. In the forests, the lumberjacks use the most modern equipment to topple giant trees.

British Columbia is the highest, most rugged province in Canada, with a surface that, on a map, appears to be a mass of mountains. Its rivers twist and wind in a series of strange contortions—some flow in one direction, then turn sharply and go back almost the way they came. Railways make long loops and seem never to take a direct course. The ragged coast is edged with inlets, peninsulas, and islands, so that it is difficult to tell exactly where the mainland ends. All this is caused by the mountains. The rivers follow valleys between the ranges, the railways twist and turn along the most nearly level routes the surveyors could find, and the mountains extend into the ocean, their tops standing above the water as peninsulas and islands, and their water-filled valleys forming straits and inlets.

The first part of the present British Columbia to be seen by Europeans was the coast. Several Spanish

Vast forests mantle British Columbia and provide raw material for its leading industry. These men are loading logs for shipment.

